My family and I strongly urge you to devote time and attention to the issue of removal of the 4 Lower Snake River dams that has been under consideration for too many years. It is well past time to take the steps needed to remove these dams which are lethal to sustainable salmon and steehead populations.

In addition to the physical barrier, the water impoundments are becoming increasing warmer. This condition will further contribute to extermination of these species. Please act responsibly and take the actions needed to move forward with removal of the Lower Snake dams.

Thank you,

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